

**Climate Action Advisory Board
Director's Update
August 26, 2020**



Sustainable Concord Plan – Kate presented the climate action and resilience plan to the Select Board on July 20th and it was well-received. Brian Foulds attended and shared CAAB's perspective. You can watch the recording of the presentation to the Select Board [here](#). Additionally, Kate has been meeting with the plan's champions to discuss implementation steps, understand need for additional support, and to start moving steps forward.

Sustainable Concord Dashboard – The [online dashboard](#) has launched! It features interactive data, stats, and accessible information about the plan elements, as well as another way to view and explore the plan's priority actions and implementation blueprints. The dashboard also includes a blog feature that we'll continue to use as a way to keep the page fresh and provide new content.

UNH Summer Sustainability Fellow – Abigail Ahern has completed her summer fellowship focused on sustainability for historic homes in Concord. Her final report will be available on the web.

Library Sustainability Committee – The library has launched a sustainability planning process with help from consultants at GreenerU. Kate is on the planning committee, focused on providing data and ensuring the Library's plan is aligned with the Town's goals.

Climate Preparedness Week – Library staff is leading an effort again this year to participate in a nationwide initiative, Climate Preparedness Week, which takes place at the end of September. Kate is collaborating on programming. Last year we hosted 3 in-person events but this year will involve virtual programming.

Grants – Kate submitted an application for a META (Municipal Energy Technical Assistance) Grant from DOER that would fund an electrification study for the town's vehicle fleet. Kate is also working with CPW on an application for another Accelerating Resiliency Grant from MAPC that would fund an outreach and communications strategy for water conservation. Both of these grants would contribute to implementation steps in the Sustainable Concord plan.